

Frye Lights

A Neighborhood Newsletter From Councilmember Donna Frye



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A Message From the Desk of Councilmember Donna Frye

When tragedy strikes, such as the firestorms of the past weeks, it causes us to reevaluate our beliefs and values, especially the ones we often take for granted, such as friends and family, our barking dogs, a sunny day, air that is safe to breathe, and schools that are open. It also causes us to rethink our priorities.

It is important that we take the time necessary to learn from our past tragedies and understand what we did right and what we can do better. As a community we need to look at our beliefs and values and see if they have changed or stayed the same. We also must be willing to examine our budget priorities and decide how much we are willing to spend, in both time and money, to make sure we meet our community needs.

It is often a difficult task because people do not always agree with one another about what is important. For example, when the state vehicle license fee (VLF) was reinstated to prior levels, many members of the public were furious.

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Councilmember Frye Declares "Stop on Red Week"

The City Council unanimously passed a resolution introduced by Councilmember Frye declaring the week of August 30th to be Stop on Red Week in the City of San Diego. This week was dedicated to educating the residents of San Diego about the dangers of running red lights. The running of red lights is the leading cause of urban crashes in the nation.

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Councilmember Frye presented a proclamation declaring Stop on Red Week in the City of San Diego to Assistant Chief Saldamando and Ashley Griffin-Stence the daughter of Officer Griffin who died in the line of duty

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Frye Breaks Ground on Tecolote Canyon Nature Center Expansion Project

On Monday, September 29, 2003, Councilmember Frye broke ground on the Tecolote Nature Center expansion project located in Tecolote Canyon Natural Park. She was joined by Ellen Oppenheim, Director of Park and Recreation, Eloise Battle, Chair of the Tecolote Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee and Kumayee elder Jane Dumas to be the first to turn the soil marking the commencement of the construction of this long awaited expansion project.

The newly expanded Nature Center will provide an additional 2,600 square feet. This will include an enhanced patio and restroom facilities. A new classroom will be built adjacent to the current site to provide for school field trips and lectures.

Last minute funding shortfalls almost brought the expansion project to a halt. Councilmember Frye was able to secure over \$200,000 to make sure the Nature Center expansion project would not face further delays.

The Tecolote Nature Center provides a variety of educational and recreational experiences. The facility offers a number of exhibits on the animal and plant life in the canyon. Reference materials for research on the canyon are also available at the Nature Center. The Park Rangers offer tours and informational lectures about Tecolote Canyon.



Councilmember Frye joined by Park and Recreation Director, Ellen Oppenheim, volunteer Eloise Battle, and Kumayee elder Jane Dumas in breaking ground on the Tecolote Nature Center expansion project.

Bay View Motel Cleaned Up by City's Drug Abatement Response Team



Grand Re-opening of the renovated Seaside Inn, formerly known as the Bay View Motel

The Bay View Motel was once a dilapidated fourteen-room motel known for drug, prostitution and other criminal activity. But aggressive court action by the City Attorney's Drug Abatement Response Team

(DART) has transformed the Bay View Motel, now called the Seaside Inn, into a fully renovated boutique inn catering to tourists and corporate clients. The rehabilitation of this property was one of Councilmember Frye's top priorities for the Morena area.

In March 2003, DART won a court-ordered injunction against the owner of the property. The owner was given the option of selling the property, or correcting all of the code violations on the property and operating the property in a responsible manner. He chose the latter solution. To date, the owner has invested over \$100,000 into the property. To launch the grand re-opening under new management, the Seaside Inn hosted an open house for the public to have an opportunity to see the modern renovations and positive changes that have taken place over the past few months.

DART is the City's inter-departmental task force comprised of the City Attorney's Office, the Police Department and Neighborhood Code Compliance Department. Through a variety of civil and criminal remedies, DART's mission is to comprehensively target properties that have become a public nuisance by virtue of drug, prostitution, gang and other criminal activity.



Community Leader Highlight -Eloise Battle-

Long time open space advocate Eloise Battle receives this distinction for her work on the Tecolote Nature Center expansion project.

Eloise, as the Chair of the Tecolote Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee worked closely with city staff and Councilmember Frye to make sure that the project was fully funded and began on time. Her commitment to open space goes far beyond the Nature Center expansion. She hosts educational programs and fights to make sure that open space is made a priority in San Diego.



Eloise Battle was instrumental in the expansion of the Tecolote Nature Center

Volunteers Cleanup Clairemont Canyons



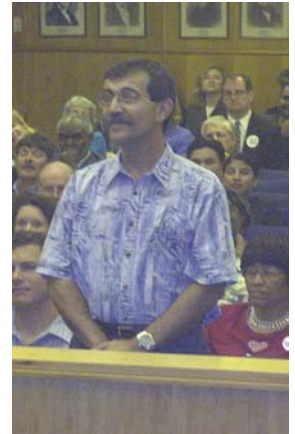
Hands on Volunteers clean up the canyon adjacent to North Clairemont Park

Clairemont Parks were the recipients of the annual "Hands On San Diego" program which is coordinated by the Volunteer Center. There were more than 75

volunteers who assisted with five projects from three different companies and one church in the Clairemont area. Thank you to all of the volunteers for their commitment to community service. For more information about "Hands On San Diego" visit their website at www.volunteersandiego.com/hosd/index.shtml.

New Mission Bay Park Committee Confirmed by City Council

On Monday August 4, 2003, the City Council unanimously passed a resolution introduced by Councilmember Frye to restructure the Mission Bay Park Committee. On Monday, October 20, 2003 the new committee members were appointed. Rick Bussell, from the Linda Vista Planning Group, and Ryan Levinson, a water sports instructor, were appointed as representatives of District Six. Chris Rink was appointed as a representative of the Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee.



Rick Bussell of the Linda Vista Planning Group was appointed to represent District Six on the Mission Bay Park Committee

The Mission Bay Park Committee of the Park and Recreation Board has the responsibility for overseeing issues including the development, maintenance and operation of Mission Bay Park. This restructuring of the Committee was important to ensure that stakeholder groups are incorporated into the decision making process. The new Committee includes representa-



Ryan Levinson, a water sports instructor, was appointed to the Mission Bay Park Committee as a representative of District Six.

tives from the Mission Bay Lessees Association, the Park and Recreation Board, a recreational user of the park, an environmental organization, community planning groups adjacent to the park and at large members.

The first meeting of the new committee will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 at 6:00 pm at the Hyatt Islandia Hotel, Mission Ballroom. The Hyatt is located at 1441 Quivira Rd.



Get Your Passport at the Clairemont Community Service

Need a passport? The City's Clairemont Community Service Center, as agents for the US Department of State, has begun processing new passport applications. The Service Center is located in the Clairemont Town Square Shopping Center at 4731 Clairemont Drive at Lakehurst Ave.

Passport processing hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. For more information, call the Service Center at (858) 581-4111 or visit their web site at <http://www.sannet.gov/servicecenters/locations/clairemont>

New Housing Counselor in Linda Vista

Councilmember Frye and Bayside Community Center are proud to announce the beginning of the Housing Services Project at Bayside Community Center in Linda Vista. The mission of the Housing Services Project is to improve the quality of housing for low and moderate income residents in the Linda Vista community by educating and empowering the residents to learn their rights and responsibilities as tenants and potential homeowners.

The project will provide a safe and secure place for Linda Vista residents with housing issues to receive advice on landlord/tenant issues, fair housing, and first time homeownership opportunities. The project will also collaborate and act as a liaison between tenants, landlords, housing organizations and government agencies.

Councilmember Frye provided Community Development Block Grant funds to Bayside Community Center to hire a coordinator for this program. We welcome Marina Hernandez in her new role and look forward to working with her and Bayside to improve the quality of life for all Linda Vista residents.

San Diego River Restoration

On Saturday, September 13, 2003, Councilmember Frye was joined by Congresswoman Susan Davis and Mayor Dick Murphy at the San Diego River where they announced that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation was aiding in the effort to restore the river. The Bureau has allocated \$452,000 towards the first phase of the project to improve the river's water quality.

The nearly half-million dollar federal grant, which was carried by Congresswoman Susan Davis, was approved through the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill. The City will be providing a local match to those funds.

Phase I of the project will explore ways to naturally clean up urban runoff from communities, including Serra Mesa, Linda Vista, Kensington and Normal Heights, before it reaches the San Diego River. Residents living in and above Mission Valley are asked to do their part in this project by helping to reduce urban runoff and pollutants that enter the storm drains. For information about ways that you can participate in river restoration projects contact the San Diego River Foundation by phone at (619) 297-7380 or go to their web site at www.sandiegoriver.org.



Congresswoman Susan Davis, Karen Henry, Stormwater Division, a representative from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Mayor Dick Murphy, Councilmember Donna Frye and Michael Beck, Endangered Habitats League



*Message from the Desk of
Councilmember Donna Frye Continued*

People wondered what Sacramento was doing with their money, which is a legitimate concern. What many did not realize is that approximately \$50 million of the VLF is returned to our city's general fund, and much of that money is used to fund our fire and police departments. Without it, those services could be cut severely.

Recently, my Mom found an essay I had written in elementary school about the things for which I was thankful. It was instructive because I realized that my core beliefs and values regarding family and community had not changed much since I was very young.

The same could not be said for my spending priorities, however. When I was a kid, I spent money on toys and candy and fun stuff. As I got a little older, I bought school clothes and then schoolbooks. After graduation, my money went to pay my bills such as rent and food. Back to the basics.

The point is, perceptions and priorities change based on events that influence our lives. While our core beliefs and values about our community remain constant, our spending priorities do not. As we reflect on all the events of the past year, please think about how we, as a community, can improve our quality of life and what we are willing to spend to make that happen.

Sincerely,

Donna

"Each of the great social achievements of recent decades has come about not because of government proclamations, but because people organized, made demands and made it good politics for government to respond. It is the political will of the people that makes and sustains the political will of governments." -James Grant

*Frye Spends Day in Wheelchair to
Promote Disability Awareness*



Councilmember Frye used a wheelchair as a mobility aid to promote Disability Awareness Month

On October 13, 2003, Councilmember Frye introduced a resolution proclaiming the month of October to be Disability Awareness Month in the City of San

Diego.

The month of October was a kick-off month for year-round programs that highlight the abilities and skills of Americans with disabilities. The theme for this year's educational program was "The City of San Diego...Turning Obstacles into Opportunities," with special emphasis on experiencing and learning about all types of disabilities.

Councilmember Frye participated in the events by taking on a disability for a day. Councilmember Frye used a wheelchair as a mobility aid for the day and had to learn to adapt to using her arms as the mode of transporting herself instead of her legs. This was a great opportunity for Councilmember Frye to bring awareness to all San Diegans about the rights and needs of all citizens including those with all types of disabilities.

There were several other City employees who took on a disability for the day to broaden the scope of this awareness campaign. This was a great opportunity to increase employees' comfort levels as they provide several services and products to the estimated 20 percent of San Diegans, who have disabilities.



One Person Can Make All the Difference



Jack Innis became a community activist when SBC refused to participate in the undergrounding of utility lines

As many know, utility undergrounding projects are currently underway in District Six. However, a problem with some of these projects is that SBC, a major telecommunications company in San Diego, is refusing to underground its lines with the rest of the utilities. SBC's lack of participation in undergrounding Burgener Boulevard, and apparent disregard for the inconvenience of the community has frustrated

many residents.

Jack Innis, a resident of Burgener Boulevard, has taken the front seat in speaking out about this issue. Soon after learning of SBC's reluctance to "enter the trenches", Jack began educating his community on the inaction. He has contacted SBC officials, written and circulated flyers to educate his community on the facts, spoken at City Council public comment, and presented his information at our Clairemont Town Council Meeting.

Currently, SBC's attorneys are negotiating the details of the project. SBC executives assure the community that once an agreement has been reached between SBC and the City of San Diego, they will dig trenches a second time, after the initial undergrounding is finished. Meanwhile, the utility poles will remain. This is unacceptable to Jack because it means that the neighbors will have to endure TWO dusty, dirty, highly trafficked construction sites on their streets. In Jack's words, "it's ludicrous that SBC hasn't come up with an interim solution that would be cheaper for SBC and its customers, while at the same time allowing us to benefit from this beautification."

We hope that Jack's persistence and hard work will spark the entire community to join him in expressing their thoughts to SBC. Keep it up Jack!

Silver Terrace Park Opening

You are invited to attend the official Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Silver Terrace Community Park on Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 9:30 am. The new park, located at 5550 Friars Road will serve the communities of Linda Vista and Mission Valley. The completion of this park is one of Councilmember Frye's top priorities.

This ribbon cutting is the culmination of many years of work by the City together with the community, to create a park from vacant land. Councilmember Frye is excited about opening this new park and is looking forward to seeing you there.

Stop On Red Week Continued

The City's Stop on Red Week was held in conjunction with the National Stop on Red Week, which is part of the Federal Highway Administration's Stop Red Light Running campaign. This campaign is a community-based safety program to raise awareness of the dangers of red light running and help reduce fatalities in the participating communities. Red light running is the leading cause of urban crashes today. Estimates for the year 2001 showed 200,000 crashes, 150,000 injuries and approximately 1,100 deaths attributed to red light running.

Included in the effort to educate and prevent such accidents, the San Diego Police Department hosted a Motor Officer Red Light Enforcement detail. Motor units were out in force targeting controlled intersections for red light violators.

The San Diego Police Department has lost three law enforcement officers due to traffic accidents this year; Officer Gerald Griffin and Officer Terry Bennett in the line of duty and Detective Barry Eldridge while off duty.



Important Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	858 495-7856
Animal Regulation	236-4250
Beach & Bay Advisory	338-2073
Birth and Death Records	237-0502
Brush Abatement	533-4444
Building Permits	446-5000
Buses/MTS Access	233-3004
Canyon Watchers Program	858 292-6484
City Council Docket Info	533-4000
City Directory	236-5555
Community Service Center	858 581-4111
Code Violations	236-5500
Curb Maintenance	527-7500
Dead Animal Removal	858 694-7000
Dog Licenses	767-2675
Fire Stations	533-4300
Graffiti	525-8522
Hazardous Materials Hotline	858 694-7000
Housing Commission	231-9400
Humane Society	299-7012
Libraries	
Balboa	858 573-1390
Clairemont	858 581-9935
Linda Vista	858 573-1399
Mission Valley	858 573-5007
North Clairemont	858 581-9931
Serra Mesa	858 573-1396
Litter Control	858 492-5010
Noise Regulation	236-5500
Office of Small Business	685-1390
Park and Recreation	525-8219
Parking Citations	236-7145
Police: Non-Emergency	531-2000
Pot Hole Hotline	527-7500
Rec Centers	
Kearny Mesa	858 573-1387
Linda Vista	858 573-1392
North Clairemont	858 581-9926
Serra Mesa	858 573-1408
South Clairemont	858 581-9924
Tecolote	858 581-9930
Recycling Hotline	858 694-7000
Senior Citizens Services	236-6905
Sewer Repair/Spills	515-3525
Sidewalk Maintenance	527-7500
Stormwater Pollution Hotline	235-1000
Street Lights	527-7500
Street Sweeping	527-7500
Traffic Control	533-3126
Tree Maintenance	527-7500
Water Emergency	515-3525
Water Utilities	515-3500
Zoning Regulation Info	236-5555

District Six Community Meetings

Clairemont Town Council
Place: Clairemont High School Cafeteria,
4150 Ute Drive
When: 1st Thursday/ Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee
Place: Clairemont Friendship Senior Center,
4425 Bannock Ave.
When: 3rd Tuesday/ Month
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Kearny Mesa Planning Group
Place: National University,
9388 Light Wave # 114
When: 3rd Wednesday/ Month
Time: 12:00 p.m.

Linda Vista Civic Association
Place: Linda Vista Recreation Center,
7064 Levant Street
When: 3rd Thursday/ Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Linda Vista Planning Group
Place: Linda Vista Library,
2160 Ulric Street
When: 4th Monday/ Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Mission Bay Park Committee
Place: Rotating Venue
When: 1st Tuesday/Month
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Valley Community Council
Place: Mission Valley Library,
2123 Fenton Parkway
When: 3rd Thursday/ Odd Months
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Mission Valley Unified Planning Committee
Place: Mission Valley Library,
2123 Fenton Parkway
When: 1st Wednesday/ Month
Time: 12:00 p.m.

Serra Mesa Community Council
Place: ARC, 9575 Aero Drive
When: 4th Wednesday/ Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Serra Mesa Planning Group
Place: Taft Junior High School,
9191 Gramercy Dr.
When: 3rd Thursday/ Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.



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